

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner John Q. Nguyen	Art Unit 3654

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Terminal disclaimer of 1/4/05 and attached examiner's amendment.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4 -6, 8-10,12-14.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. V. Craig Belair on 1/18/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification,

Page 9, lines 29-30, ", such as a clamp or other fixture types," has been deleted,

Page 3, lines 26, 30, 32, "7" has been changed to -6-,

Page 3, line 29, "8" has been changed to -7-,

Page 3, line 31, "9" has been changed to -8-,

Page 3, line 33, "10" has been changed to -9-,

Page 4, line 2, "11" has been changed to -10—and "7" has been changed to -6-,

Page 7, line 25, "7" has been changed to -6-,

Page 8, line 11, "7" has been changed to -6-,

Page 8, line 33, "8" has been changed to -7-,

Page 9, line 1, "7" has been changed to -6—and "8" has been changed to -7-,

Page 9, line 7, "9" has been changed to -8-,

Page 9, line 9, "10" has been changed to -9-,

Page 10, line 15, "7" has been changed to -6--, "8" has been changed to -7--, and "9" has been changed to -8--,

Page 10, line 20, "11" has been changed to -10--,

Page 10, line 21, "7" has been changed to -6--.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: figures 7-11 are to be re-labeled as figures 6-10. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

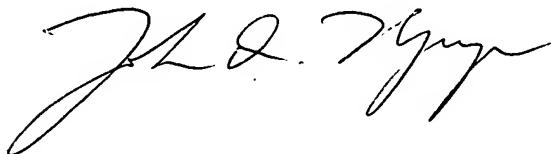
The Terminal Disclaimer filed 1/4/05 has been accepted.

The proposed drawing corrections filed 1/4/05 and 10/4/04 have been approved.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-2689. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Matecki can be reached on (703) 308-2688. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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